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1. At a recent meeting, in Paris, Otto von HAPSBURG discussed with his representative for Eastern Austria, Friedrich von WIESNER, and August LOVREK, his representative for Western Austria, plans to form Monarchist Executive Committee (Führerbüro) to assist von WIESNER and LOVREK. Following their return to Austria, von WIESNER and LOVREK invited about 20 prominent Monarchists to a conference 3-4 December 1949 at the Hotel Scharmueller in Linz.
2. During this conference, the Monarchist Executive Committee was established and the conferees discussed plans for strengthening Monarchist groups in Austria. They agreed to activate throughout Austria's provinces, the Bund Oesterreichischer Patrioten, a monarchist group which has been active in the Tyrol and Upper Austria for sometime. However in order to avoid hostile attacks from other Austrian political groups it was decided that Executive Committee members should not play a prominent role in organizing the Bund Oesterreichischer Patrioten. In addition, plans were made to promote the activities of established pro-monarchist organizations such as Oesterreichische Gemeinschaft, Heimatland and particularly the Traditionsreferat of the OeVP (Austrian People's Party), a new source of support for the Monarchists in Austria.
3. During these discussions the delegation from Carinthia, led by one Maj. A.D. RATHESER, made a definitive statement to the effect that the Carinthian Monarchists will not offer Marshal Tito cause for provocation against Austria.
4. Among those who attended the Linz conference were:

Nationalrat SEBINGER, security director of Muehlviertel and OeVP Parteiboss in Muehlviertel

Dr. Erich THANNER, and Maj. KUEHASM from Linz.*

Gen. A.D. KIRSCH from Innsbruck.**

Gen. PODJORY, from Graz.

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